ENSURING INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION IN ADULTHOOD: TRANSITION PLANNING FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

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Pathways to Partnership

PARTNERING FOR STUDENTS AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES TO IMPROVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES





Federal Collaboration Activities

- ➤ August Letter to VR and Special Education Partners
- ➤ Updated Transition Guide
- Jointly funded national technical assistance center (NTACT)
- Pathways For Partnerships Webinar (IL, MI, MN, SC)
- Facilitated conversation with national organizations (APRIL, CSAVR, NASDSE, NCIL)
- Conference panels (APRIL, CSAVR, HCBS)

More to come!!





Transition of Youth & Pathways to Partnership

HCBS Conference 2020

LISA BROSEKE

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

MISSION

The Ability Center advocates, educates, partners, and provides services supporting people with disabilities to thrive within their community.



YOUTH & TRANSITION SERVICES

Next Steps Summer Program

Our summer initiative prepares high school students with disabilities for the next phase of life.



- Collaborate with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Two-way referrals
- Employment portion mirrors that of OOD's Summer Youth programs



Youth Leadership Forum





- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities' Ohio Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) is a career leadership training program for 11th and 12th grade high school students with disabilities.
- In 2020, YLF expanded to provide five regional forums around the state including Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, Cleveland, Canton
- July 2020: held completely virtually, covering topics such as:
 - Experience of Disability
 - Technology & Resource to Reach Goals
 - Leading in my Community
 - Principles of Leadership
 - Living on My Own



Multi-Agency Planning (MAP) Team

One of the ongoing efforts sponsored by the Ohio Employment First Task Force is to improve community integrated employment for youth with disabilities. MAP (Multi Agency Planning) for employment is a strategic planning training and technical assistance process.

- The Ability Center
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Lucas County Board of DD
- OCALI
- Toledo Public Schools
- Ohio Means Jobs
- State Support Team
- National Technical Assistance Center on Transition
- 2111 United Way

Administration on Disabilities Employment Initiatives

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- UCEDDs and Community-Based Transition (CBT) Partnership Planning Grants
- ➤ Highlight Three CBT Partnership Planning Grants
- > Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center



UCEDDs and Community-Based Transition (CBT) Partnership Planning Grants

- ➤ 68 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDDs).
- UCEDDs serve as liaisons between academia and the community to advance research related to the needs individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
- In August 2020, AoD awarded 10 UCEDDs one year planning grants to convene partnerships in states that will develop plans to ensure community integration for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



CBT Transition Partnership Planning Grants Highlights

<u>ARIZONA</u>- Northern Arizona University - The Arizona Coalition for Transition Success (AzCTS)

<u>GEORGIA</u> - University of Georgia - Georgia College Transition Partnership

<u>KANSAS</u> - University of Kansas - Kansas Self-Determined Transition Taskforce (KSDTT)



AoD Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center

In September 2020, AoD launched a Disability Employment TA Center that will be a comprehensive source for disability employment information and resources for AoD grantees.

This initiative reflects a collaborative approach that will help further align AoD programs on a common goal to maximize competitive, integrated employment.



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